NASAexplores Scavenger Hunt Answer Sheet

1. About how many times does the International Space Station orbit the Earth every day?

16 times. Can I See the Space Station?

- 2. List three of the four basic survivor skills astronauts must learn.

 Construct a shelter, build a fire, obtain food and water, and deal with first-aid emergencies. The Real Survivors.
- 3. Transparent polycrystalline alumina (TPA), which was developed for tracking heat-seeking missiles, is also used to make what dental devices?

Invisible braces. What Can I Wear Today?

4. "A ______ is when you zone out a bit, like when you're driving and you go blank, or your mind wanders and you suddenly find yourself at your destination."

Micro event. Keep Awake!



5. IVHM is a system that lets a vehicle diagnose its own problems. What does IVHM stand for?

Integrated Vehicle Health Management. Say Aahh.

6. Some of the IVHM systems are already being test flown. On Shuttle mission STS-101 (flown in May 2000), the Shuttle carried a μWIS. What does μWIS stand for?

Micro-Wireless Instrumentation System. Say Aahh.

7. On the Space Station, WORF is not a Klingon but an acronym for what?

Window Observation Research Facility. Room with a View.







8. The Multifunctional Electronic Display System (MEDS), which made its debut aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis with the STS-101 mission in May 2000, has nine active-matrix liquid crystal displays (AMLCD) on the forward flight deck and two on the aft flight deck. How many conventional gauges do the AMLCDs replace?

32 conventional gauges. Glass Cockpit.

- 9. Where did the term "aeronautics" come from?

 It comes from France, but is a combination of the Greek words "air" and "to sail." Trivia, "Aeronautics" (3/15/2001).
- 10. How many schools in America are named after John Glenn? 10 schools. <u>Trivia</u>, "School Names" (5/31/2001).
- 11. Who was president when the Wright Brothers made their first successful flight at Kitty Hawk?

Theodore Roosevelt. <u>Trivia</u>, "Presidents in Flight" (2/21/2001).

12. True/False: Destiny Lab was built in the same building as the Saturn V rockets that launched the Apollo missions.

True. Trivia, "Destiny Lab Built at MSFC" (2/8/2001).

- 13. What was the name of the Apollo 10 lunar module? *Snoopy. Trivia,* "Apollo 10 Module Names" (3/29/2001).
- 14. Driving at 75 miles per hour, how many days would it take to drive around one of Saturn's rings?

 258 days. Trivia, "Getting There" (5/31/2001).
- 15. LED therapy has been used successfully with diabetic skin ulcers, burns, and severe oral sores caused by cancer treatment. What does LED stand for?

Light Emitting Diodes. Healing Light.

- 16. Two NASA scientists from Ames Research Center in California have developed a special program to help astronauts control their symptoms of space motion sickness. What is this special program called, and what is its acronym? *Autogenic Feedback Training (AFT)*. *Motion Sickness: It's All In Your Head*.
- 17. How many spaces does Destiny Lab have for equipment racks? How many of those are available for research projects?24 spaces for equipment racks, 13 are available for research. Doing Science on



the Other Side of the Sky.



18. True/False: The convection oven on the Space Shuttle gets hot enough to boil water.

False. No Pizza in Space?

19. "Computers can predict how certain systems should behave, Litton says, but you never know for sure until you do a ______.

Testing a system can validate the prediction, or it can also point out where the prediction was wrong."

Real test. From SATs to Satellites.

20. In earlier spacecraft (Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo), the space capsules were protected during re-entry by shedding layers of a heavy, resinous heat shield through a process called what?

Ablation. Going to Extremes.

